

Lecture 7: Perception III

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ECE484: Principles of Safe Autonomy



Administrivia

- Field trips next week!
 - 2/13 Field trip 1 to high bay to see the GEM
 - 2/15 Field trip 2 to see F1tenth cars
 - 2/20 Simulation project walkthrough on
- Upcoming due dates:
 - HW0 and MP0 due Friday 2/9
 - HW1 and MP1 due Friday 2/23



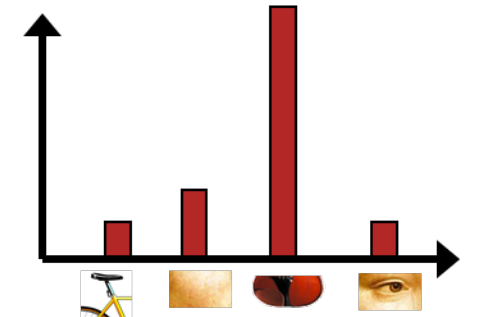
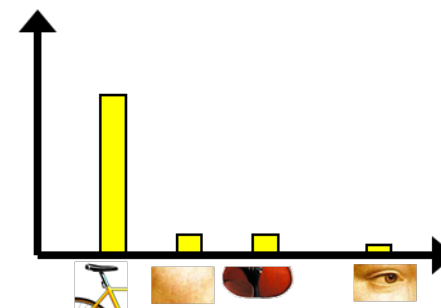
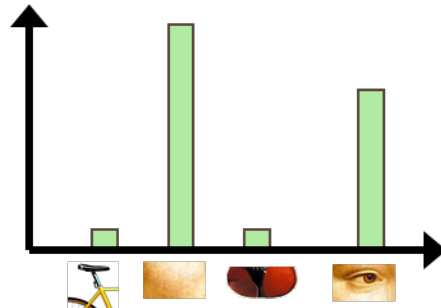
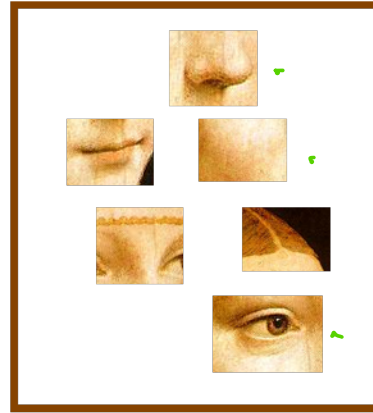
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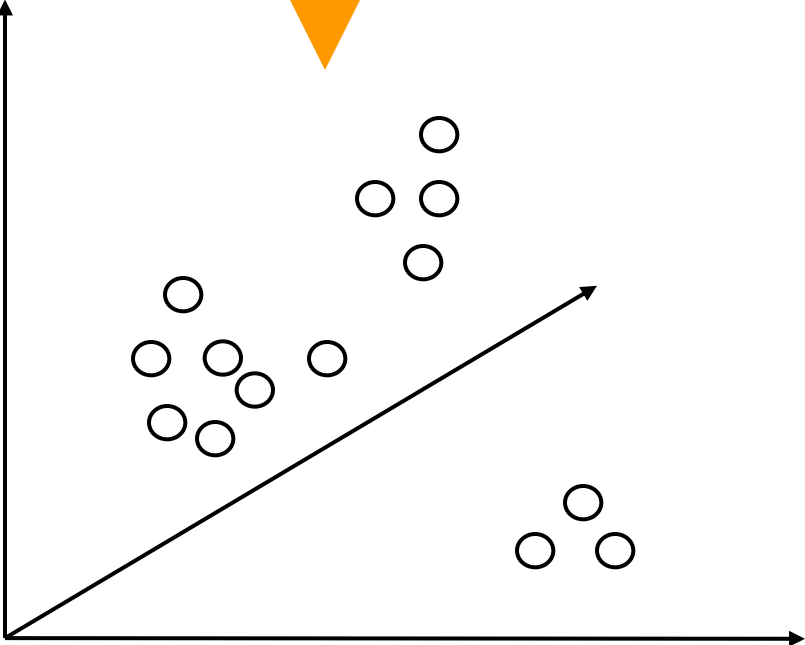
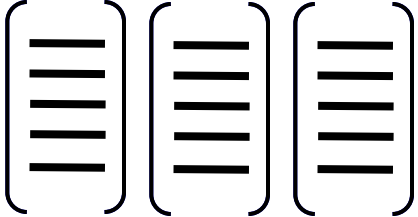


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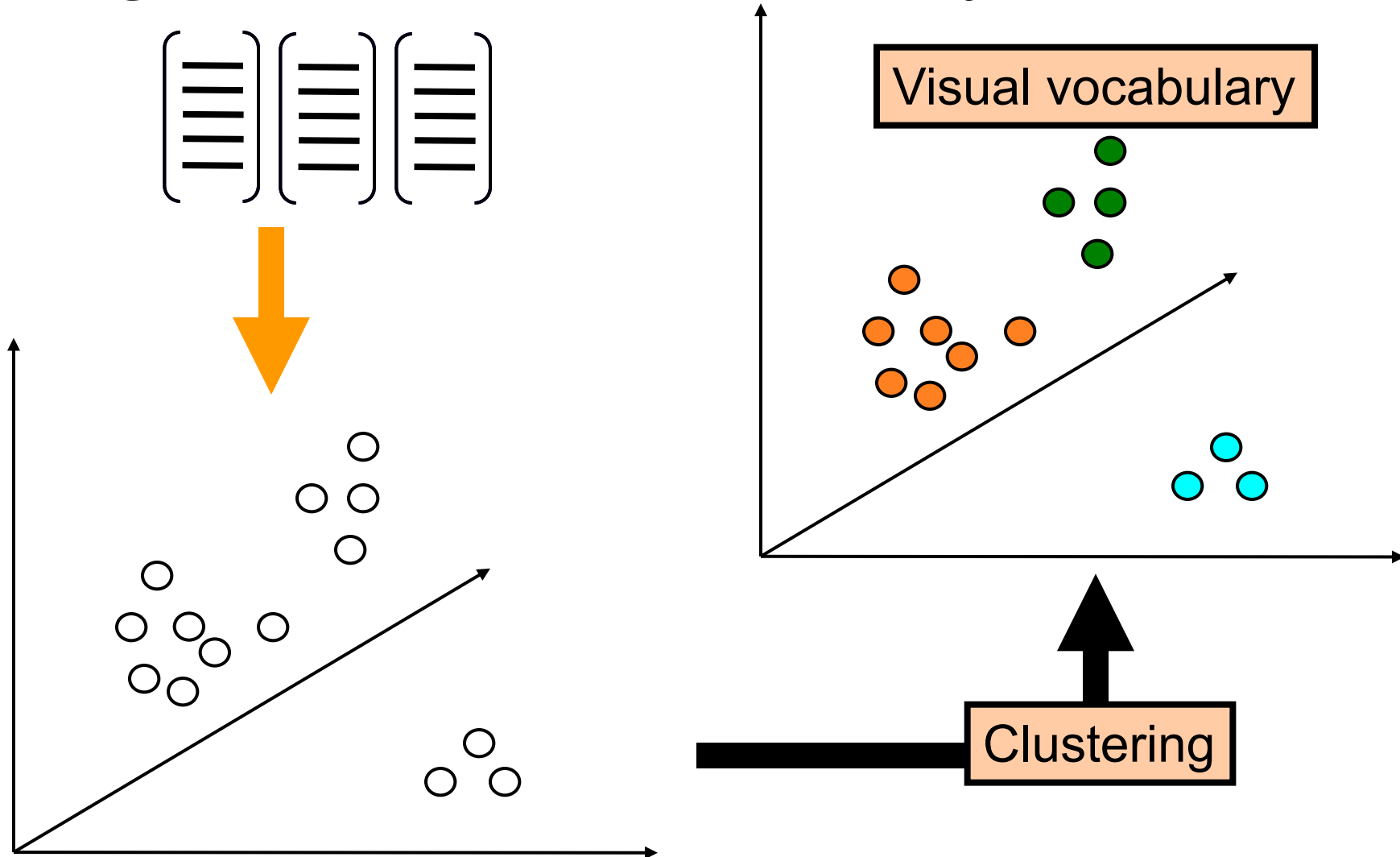
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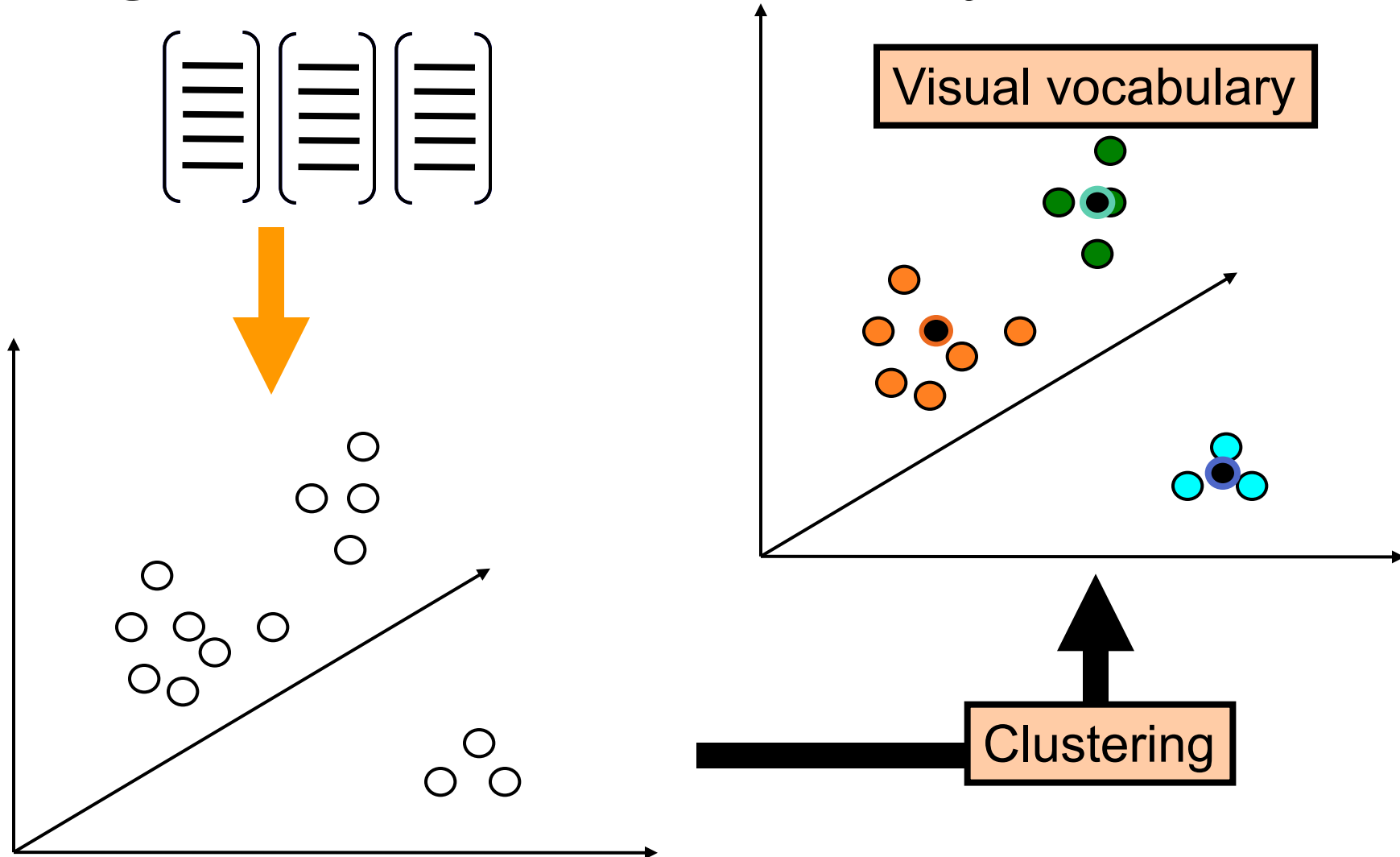
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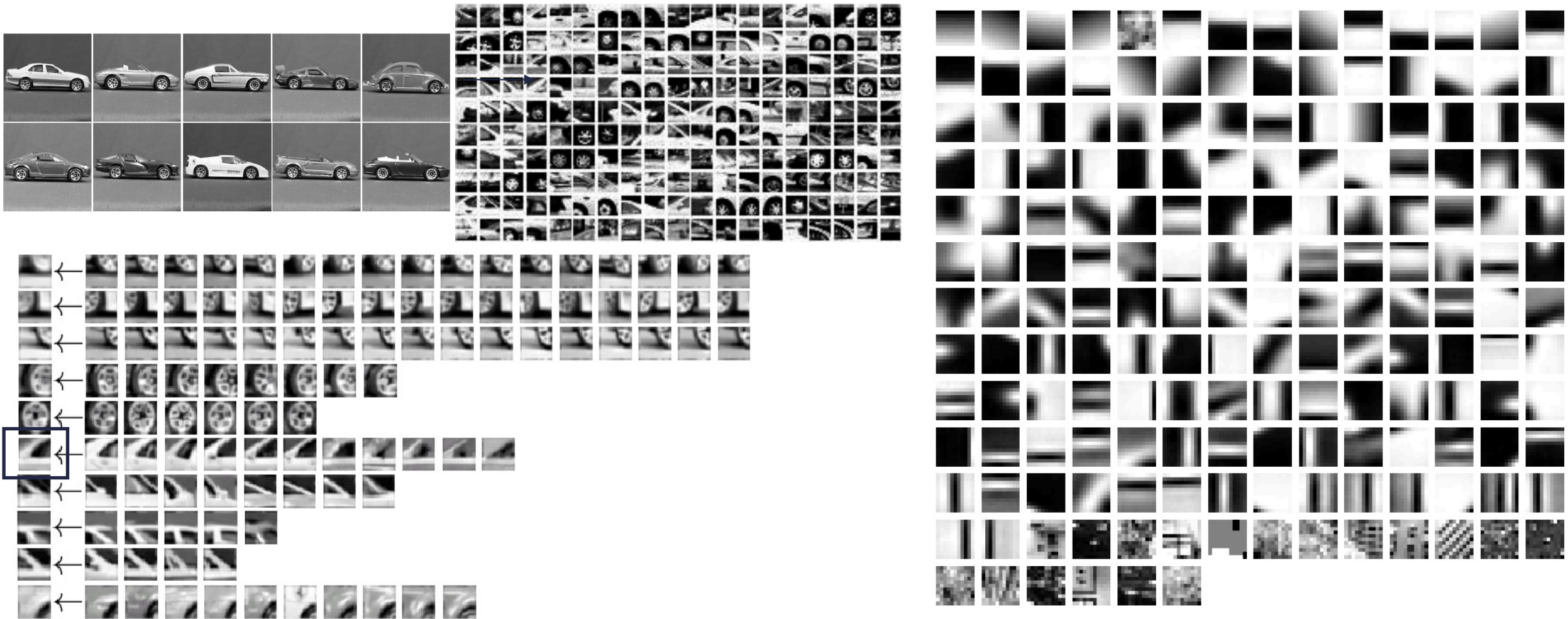
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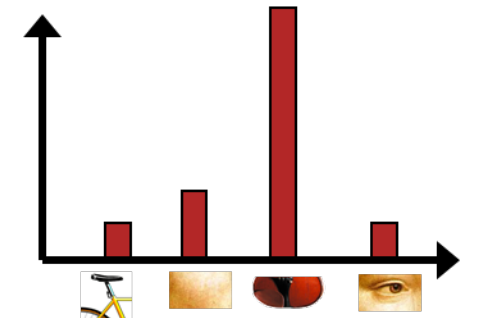
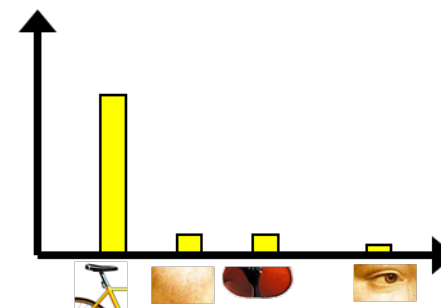
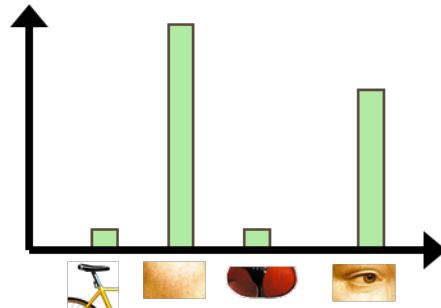
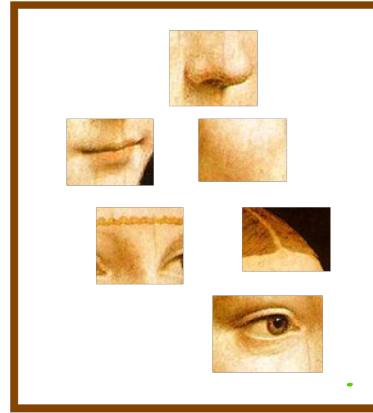


Example Visual Codebooks



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Images as Histogram of Patches



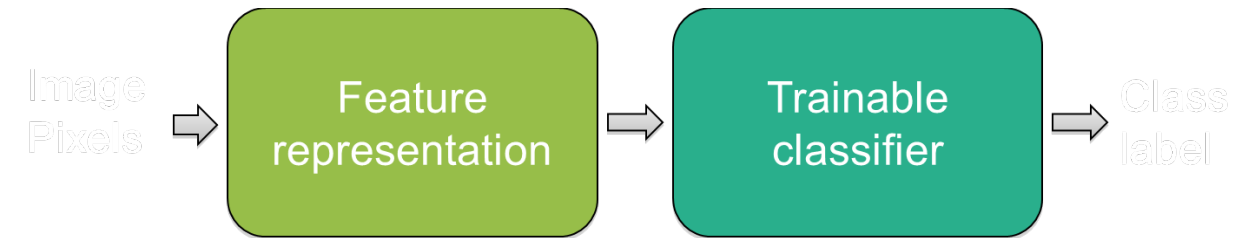
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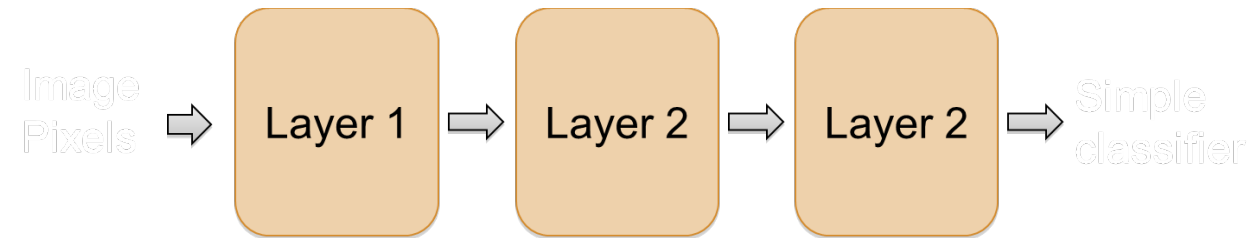


From Shallow to Deep Learning

Traditional “Shallow” Pipeline



“Deep” Recognition Pipeline



Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)



Activation Functions

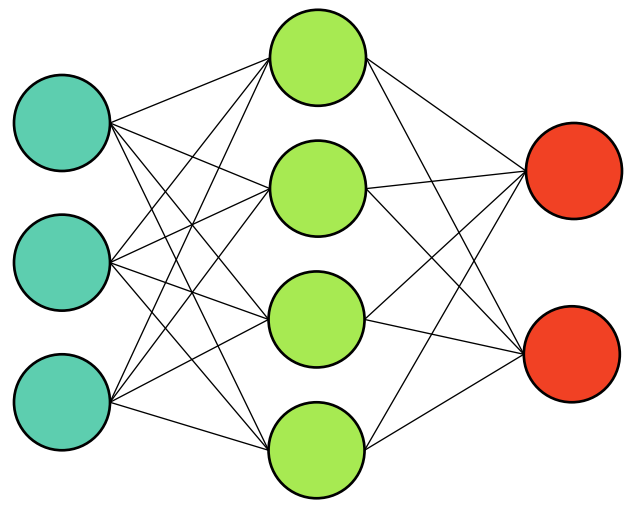
- Sigmoid
 - Homage to the original formulation
 - Not very popular nowadays as they tend to saturate and kills gradients
- Tanh
 - This is a scaled sigmoid and is almost always preferred
- ReLU – Rectified Linear Unit
 - Fast computation, doesn't saturate, might lead to better convergence rates
 - Tends to be fragile in training
- Maxout: $\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$
 - Extension of ReLU that does not die
 - Doubles the number of parameters for every unit



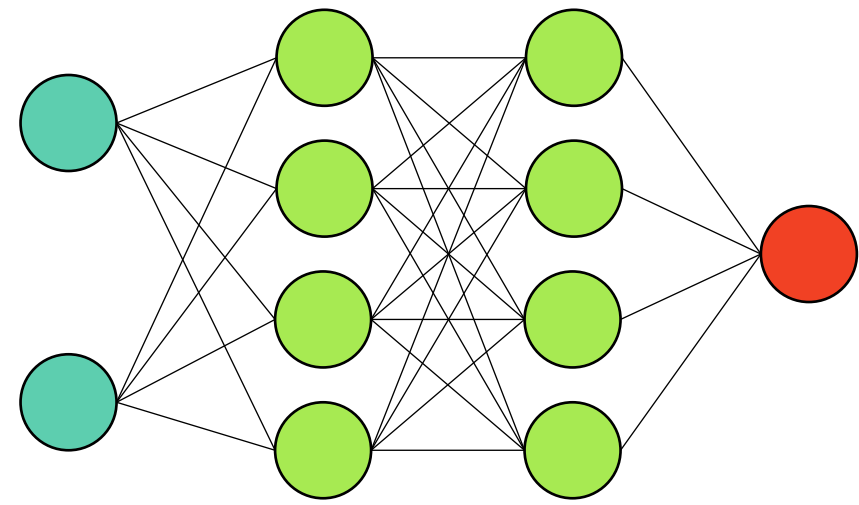
Network Architectures and Sizes

For regular networks, most commonly use fully connected network

Sizing of networks determined by layers, number of units, and/or number of parameters



6 units, 6 biases
 $[3*4]+[4*2]=20$ weights
26 learnable parameters



9 units, 9 biases
 $[2*4]+[4*4]+[4*1]=28$ weights
37 learnable parameters

For context, convolutional networks typically have on the order of 100 million parameters



Universal Function Approximators

Let $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a nonconstant, **bounded**, and **continuous** function. Let I_m denote the m -dimensional **unit hypercube** $[0, 1]^m$. The space of real-valued continuous functions on I_m is denoted by $C(I_m)$. Then, given any $\varepsilon > 0$ and any function $f \in C(I_m)$, there exist an integer N , real constants $v_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and real vectors $w_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$ for $i = 1, \dots, N$, such that we may define:

$$F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N v_i \varphi(w_i^T x + b_i)$$

as an approximate realization of the function f ; that is,

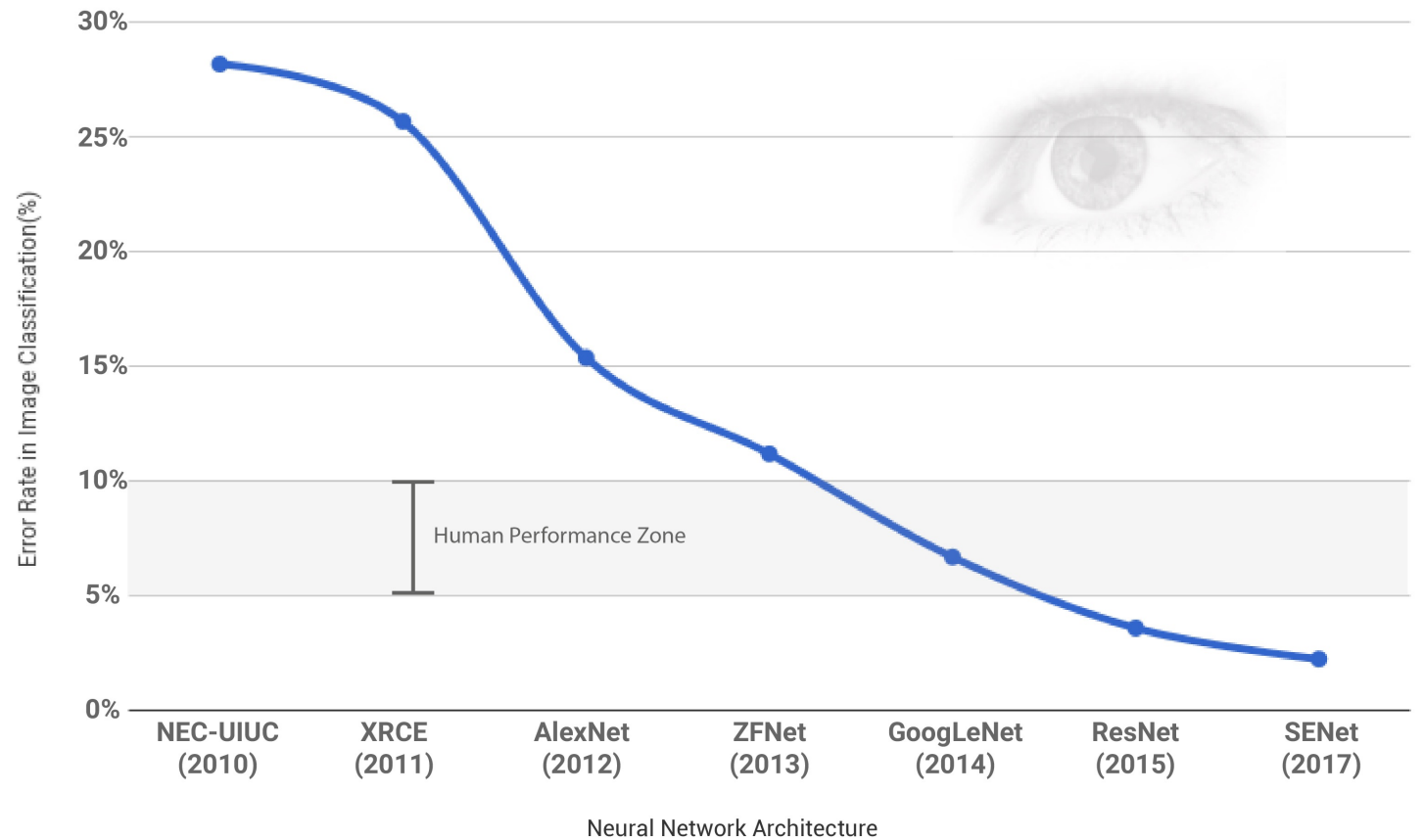
$$|F(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$$

for all $x \in I_m$. In other words, functions of the form $F(x)$ are **dense** in $C(I_m)$.

A feedforward network with a single hidden layer containing a finite number of units can approximate continuous functions on compact subsets of \mathbb{R}^n , under mild assumptions on the activation function.



Classification Improvements



Neural Networks

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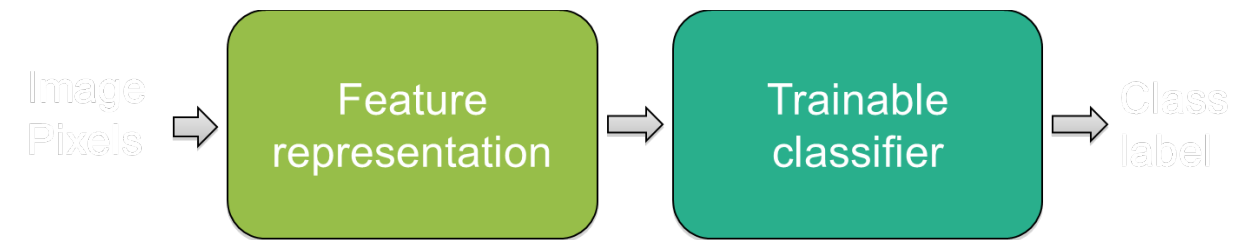
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- Pros:
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- Cons
 - Very few theoretical guarantees
 - Training is prone to local optima and unstable
 - Large amount of training data and computing power are required
 - Huge variety of implementation choices need to be hand tuned (network architectures, parameters, etc.)

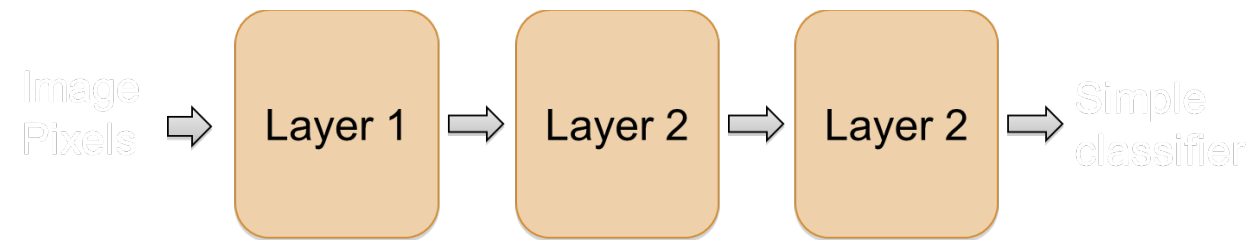


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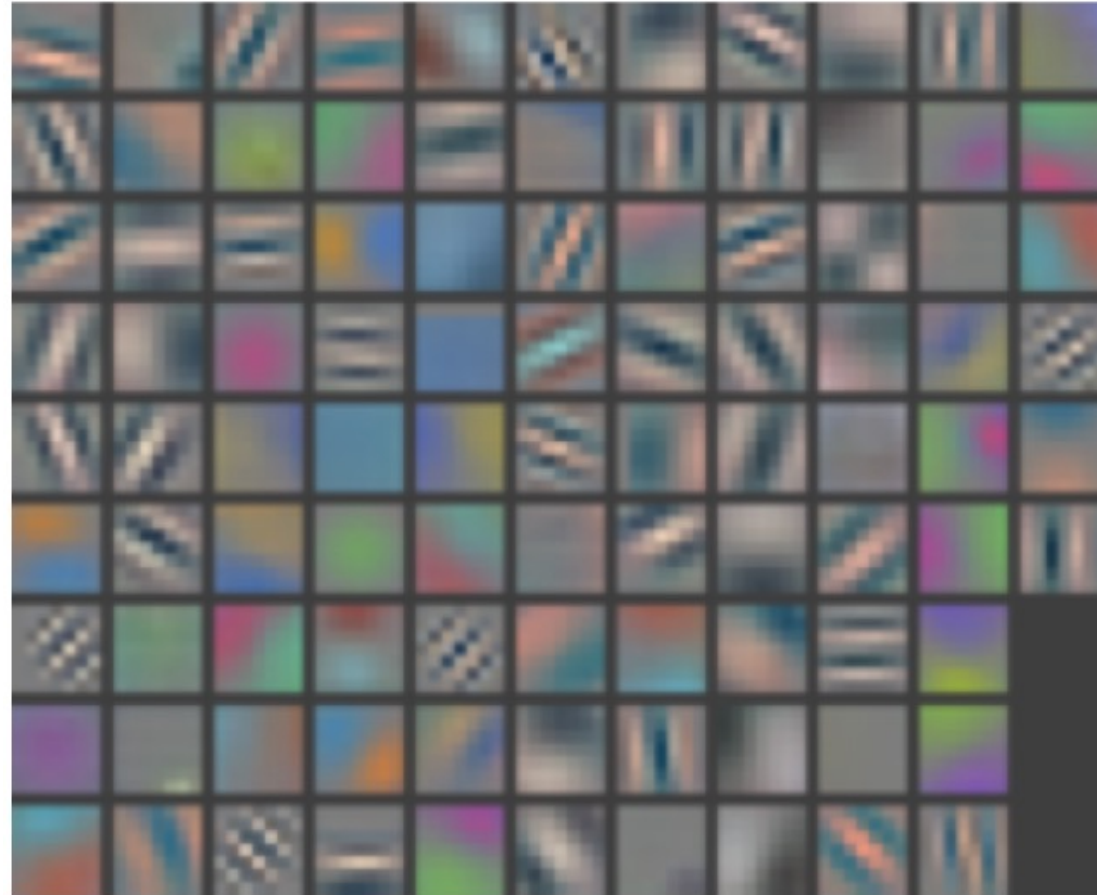
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Layers as filters

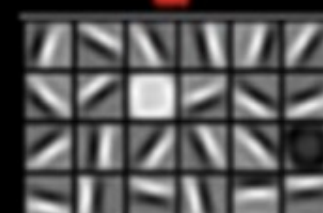
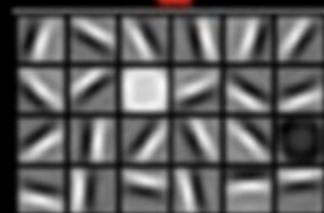
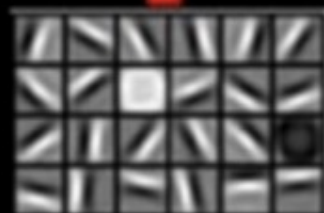
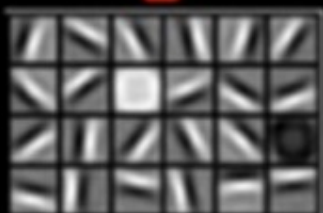
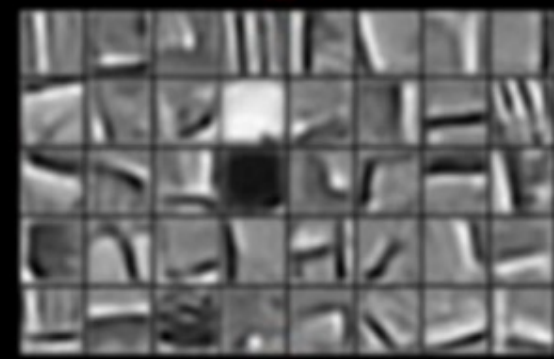
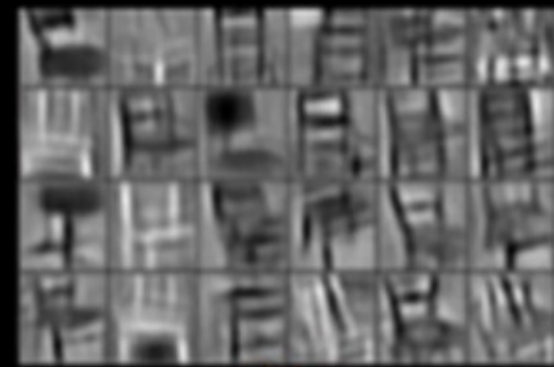


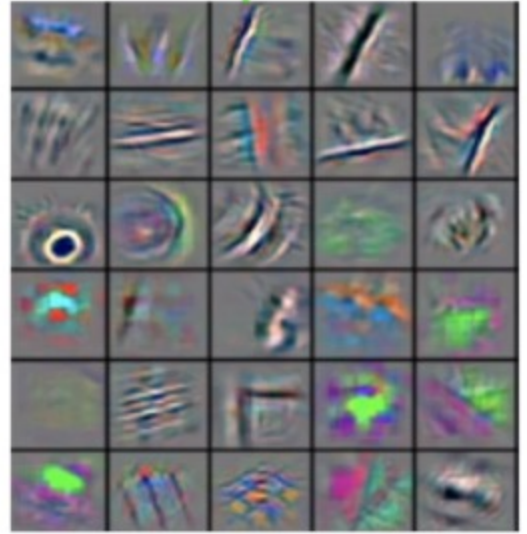
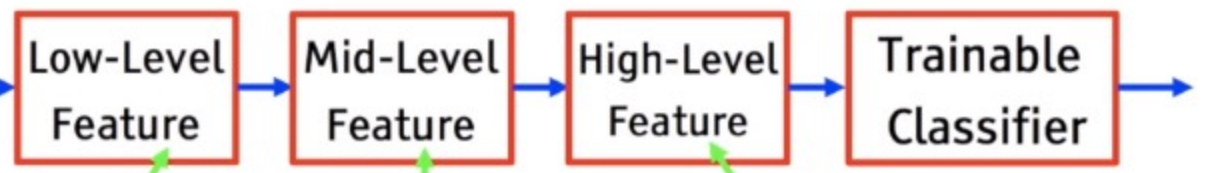
Faces

Cars

Elephants

Chairs





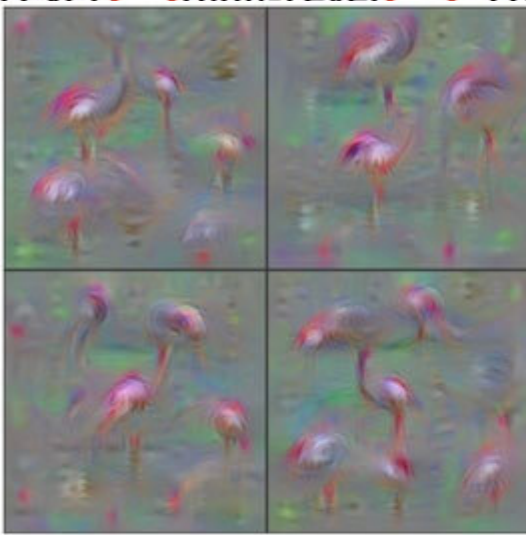
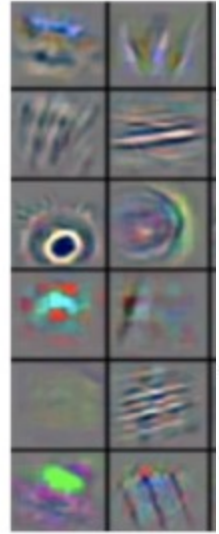


Low-Level Feature

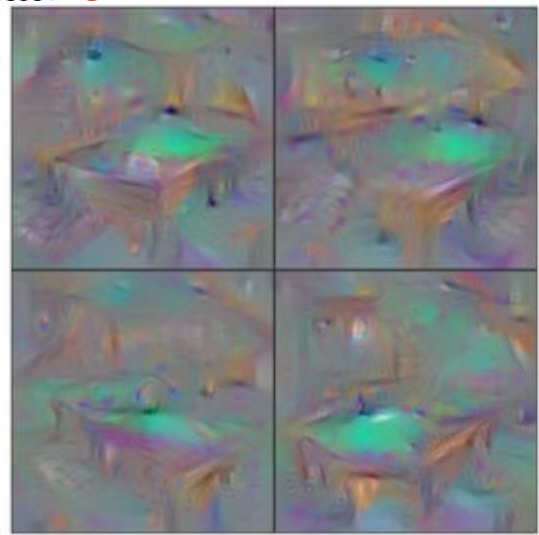
Mid-Level Fea

High-Level

Trainable



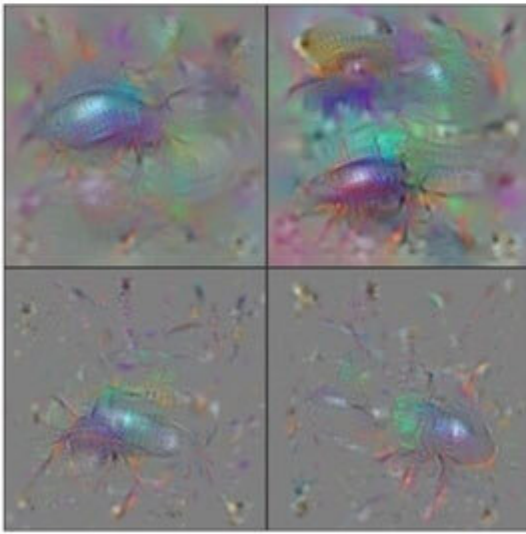
Flamingo



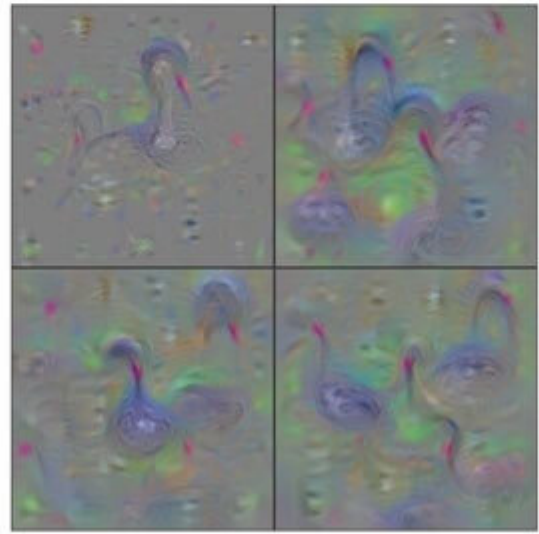
Billiard Table



School Bus



Ground Beetle



Black Swan

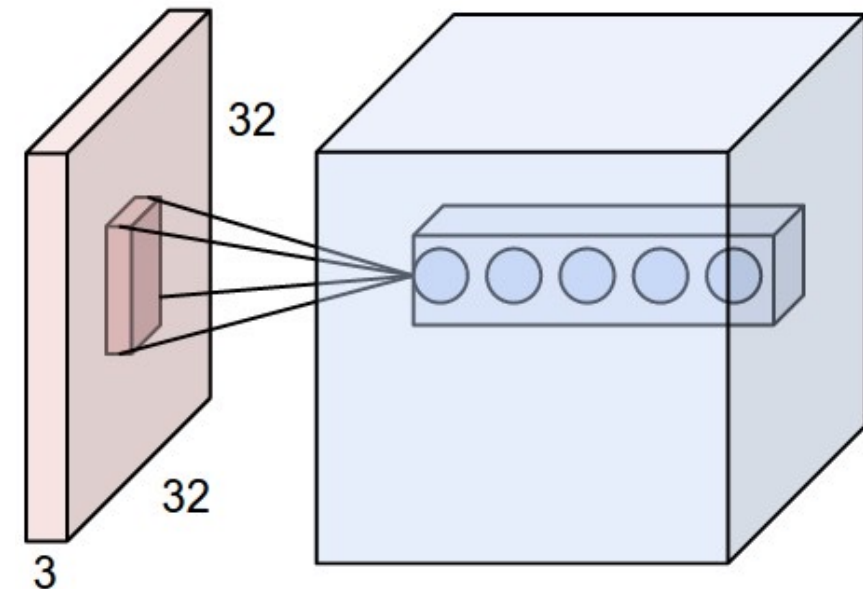
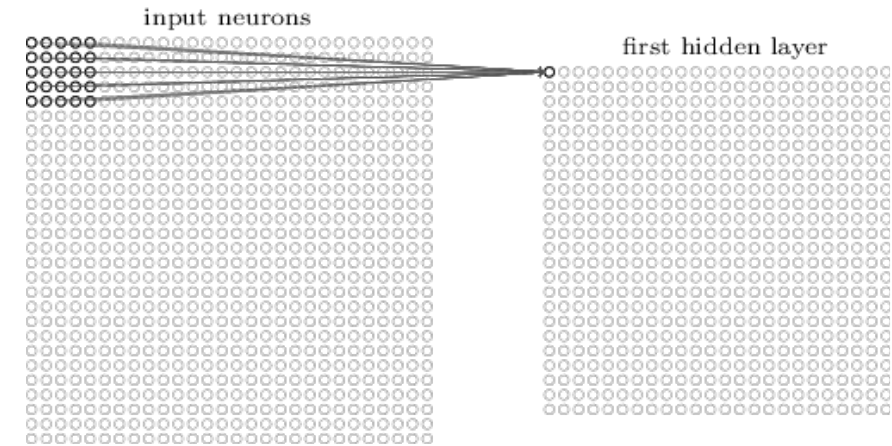


Tricycle



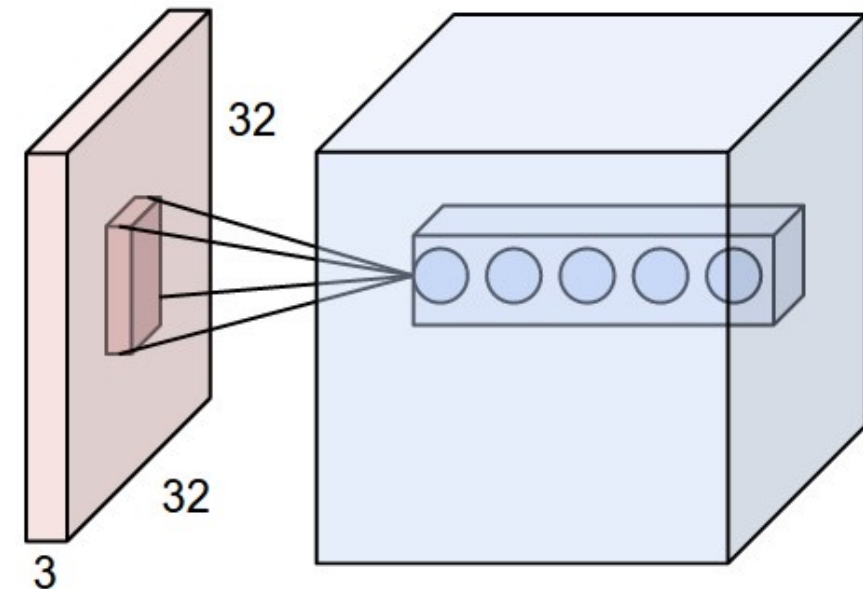
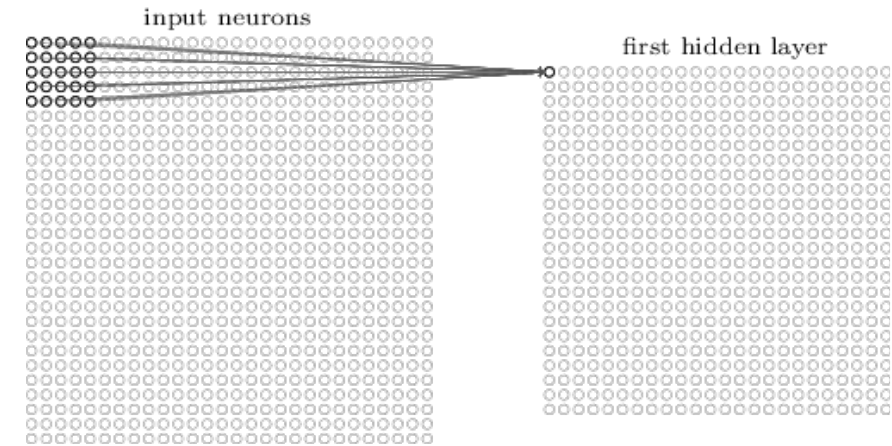
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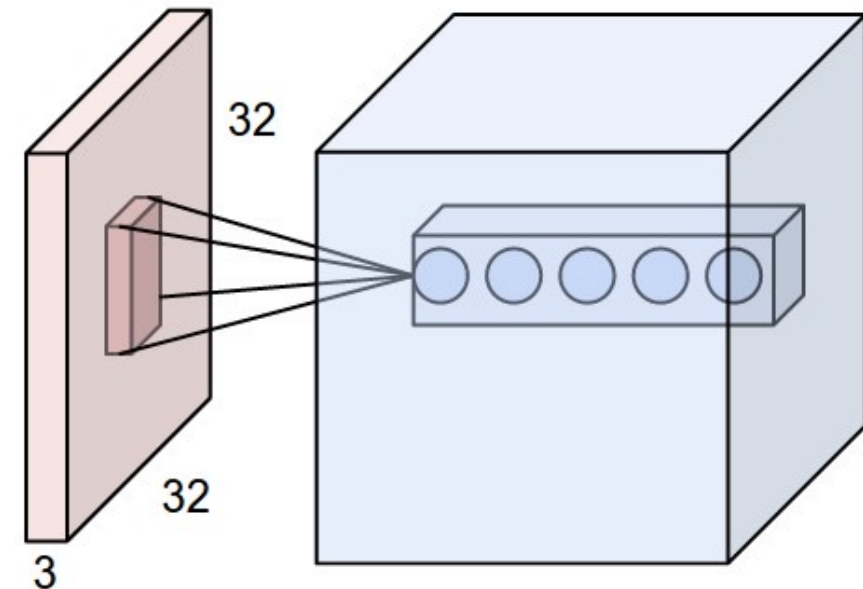
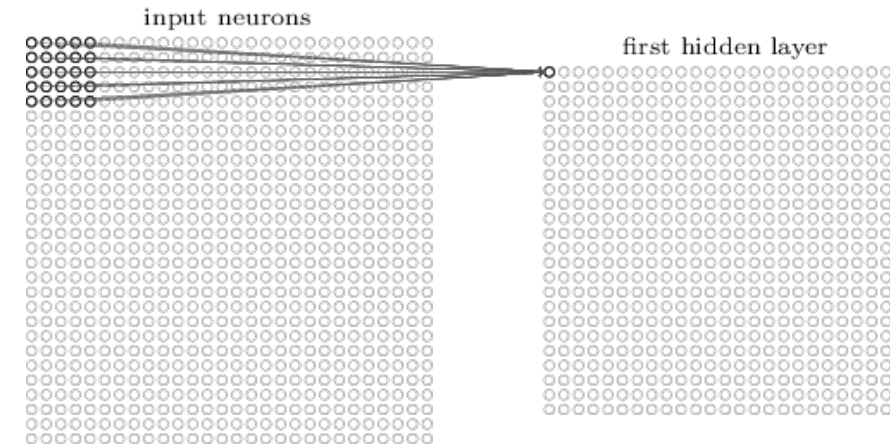
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- Recall: large ConvNets have *a ton of* parameters
 - Parameter sharing restricts the weights along one *slice* of the depth, reducing the parameters down to ~35,000 (see first point)



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- Conv/FC layers perform transformations that are a function of trainable parameters
 - Ex: CIFAR-10 images are size $32 \times 32 \times 3$, so one fully-connected unit in a first hidden layer of a regular NN would have $32 \times 32 \times 3 = 3072$ weights
- ReLU/Pool layers are fixed and not trained



Pooling Layers

The goal of pooling is to progressively reduce the spatial size of the representation and the amount of parameters and computation

- operates independently on depth slice and resizes it spatially, often using the max operation

Generally speaking:

- Accepts a volume of size $W1 \times H1 \times D1$
- Requires two hyperparameters: their spatial extent F , the stride S ,
- Produces a volume of size $W2 \times H2 \times D2$ where:

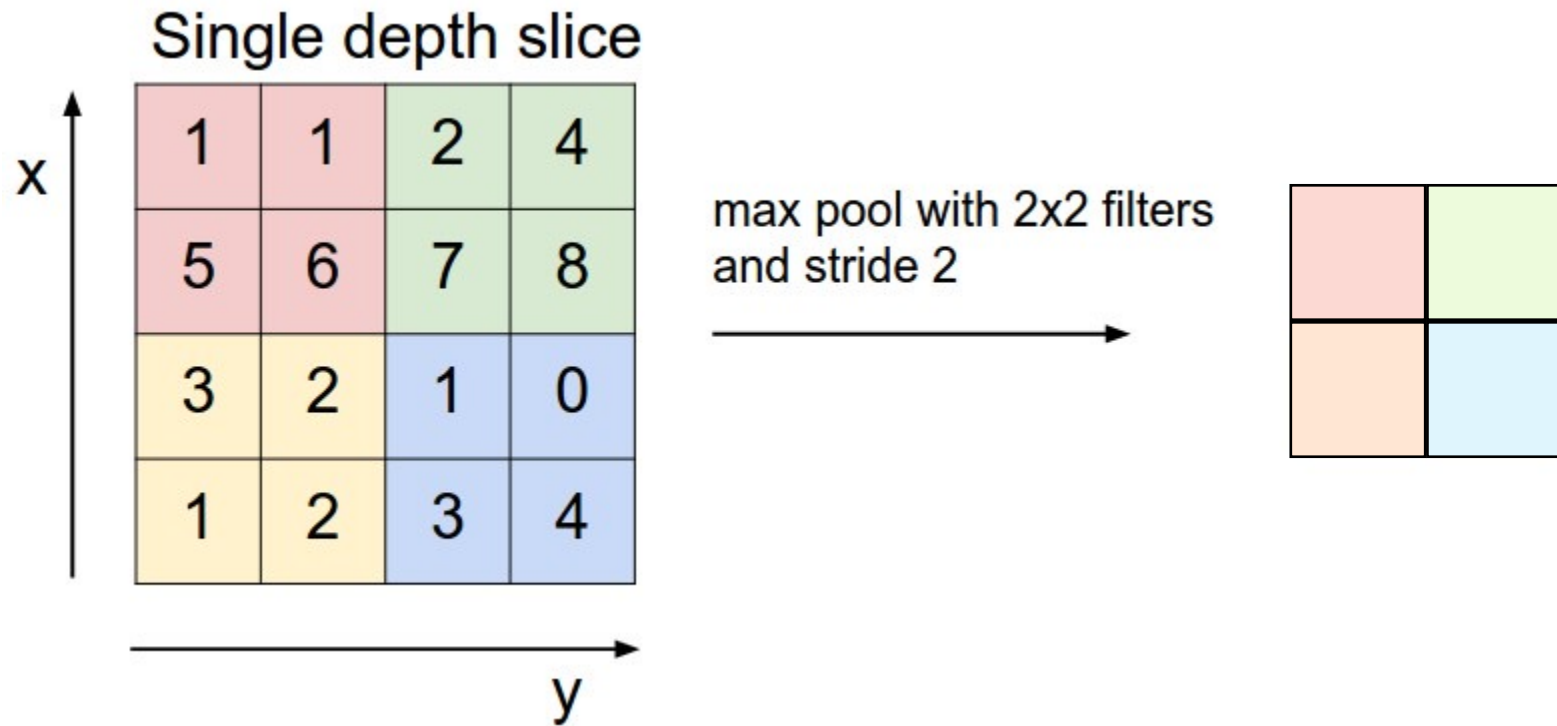
$$W2 = (W1 - F) / S + 1$$

$$H2 = (H1 - F) / S + 1$$

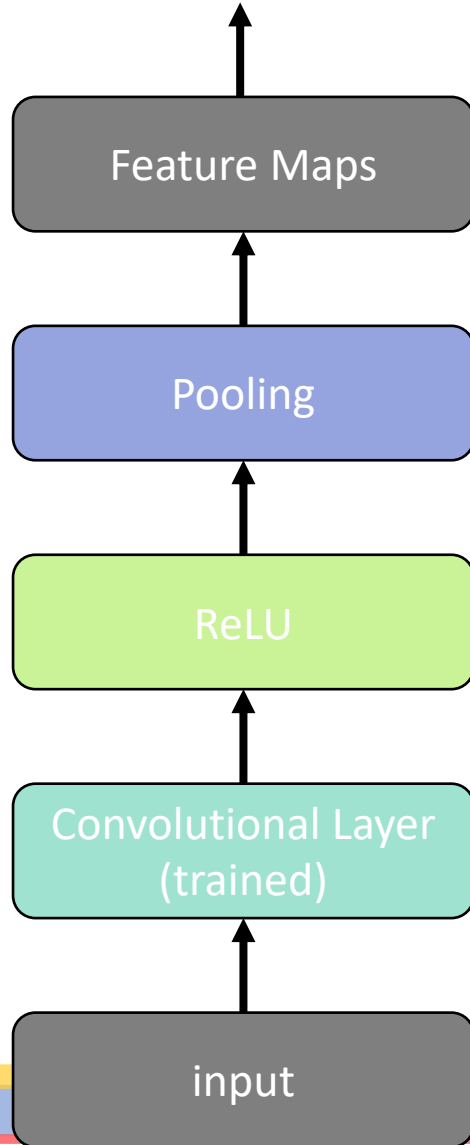
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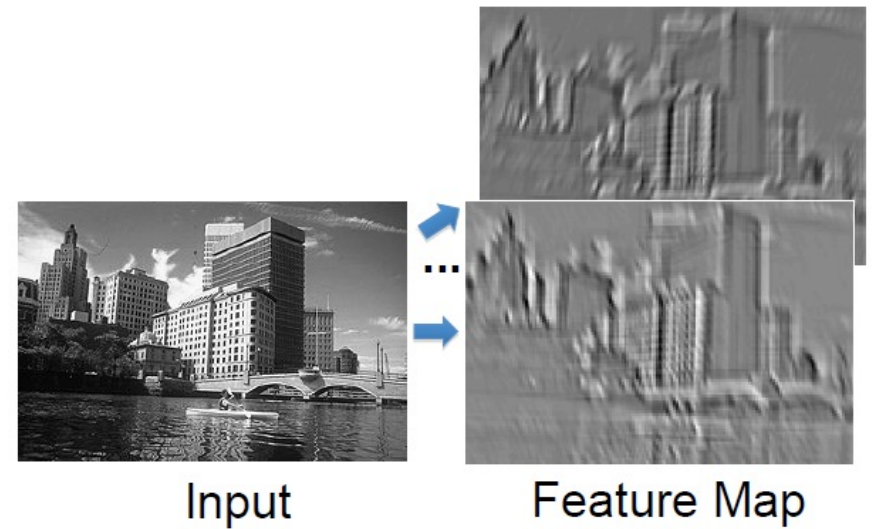
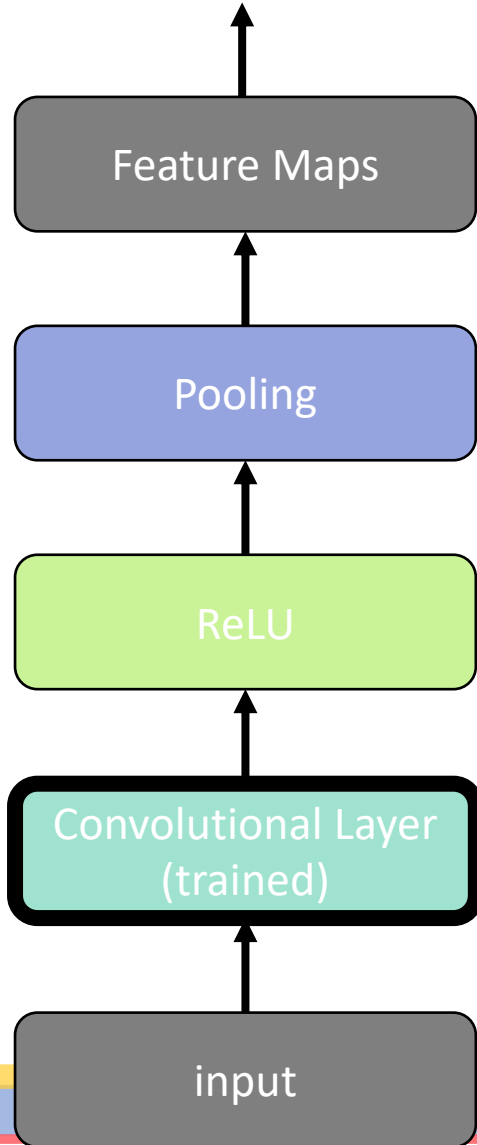
Example: Max Pooling



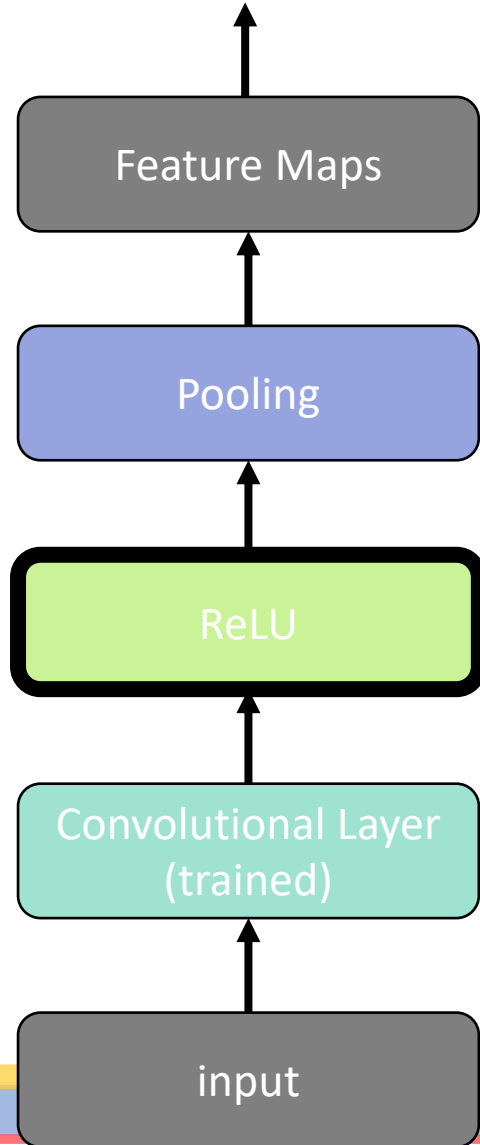
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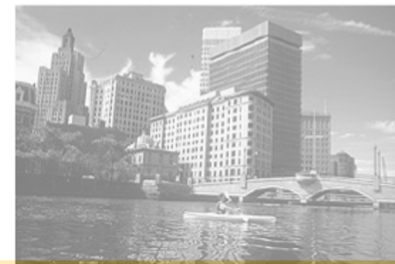
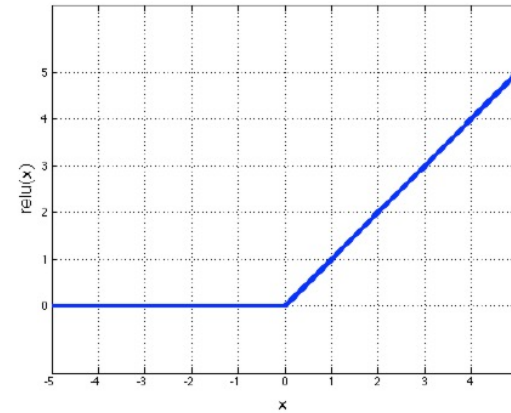
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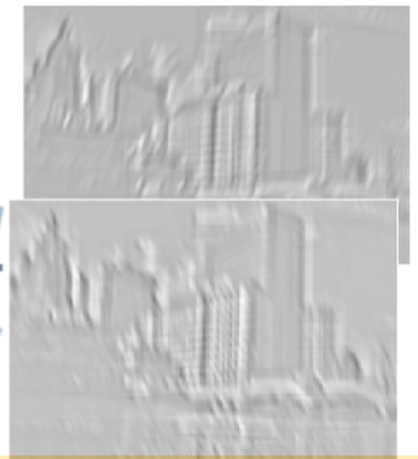
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Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)



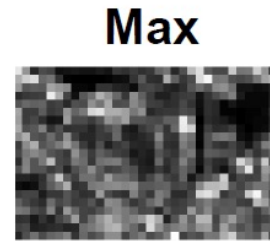
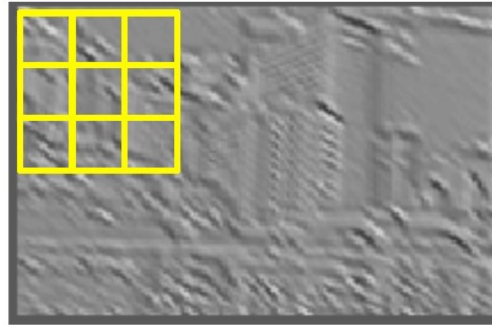
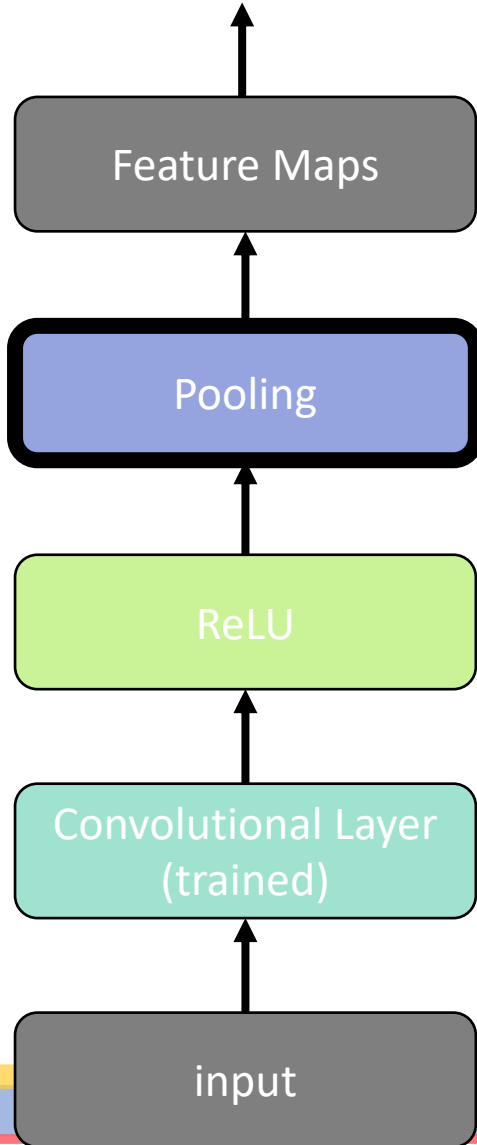
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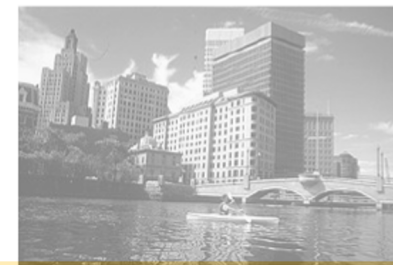
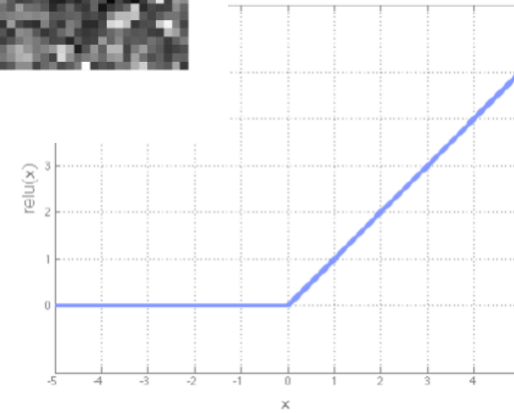
Feature Map



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Linear Unit (ReLU)

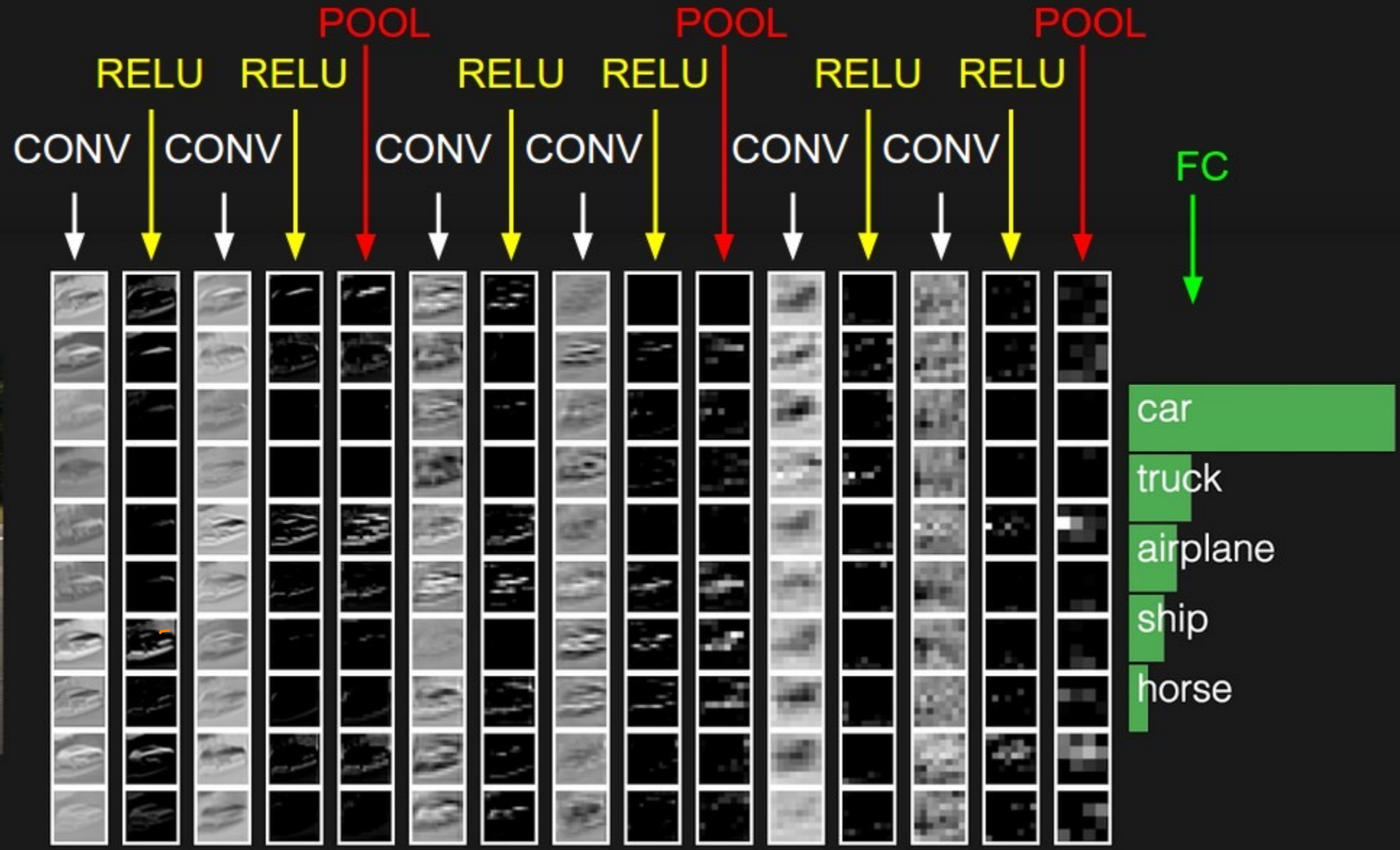


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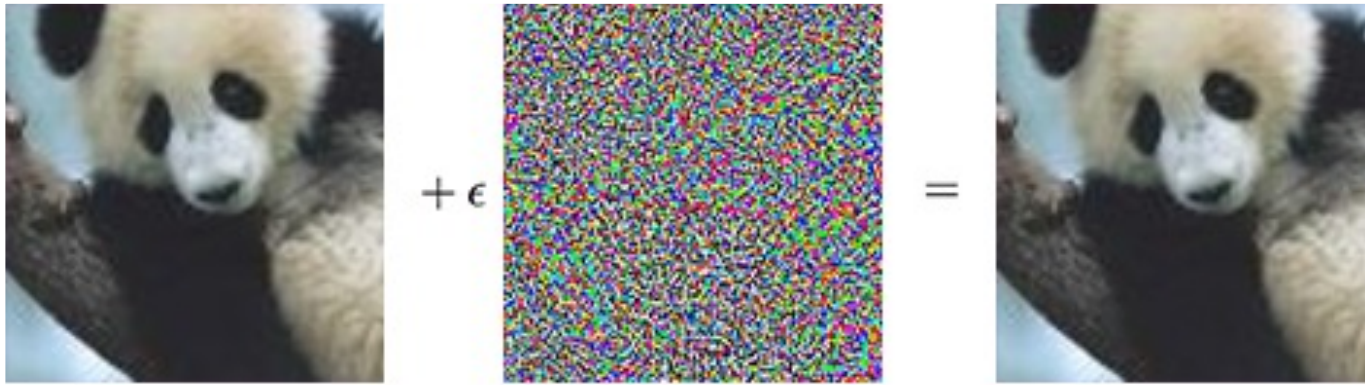


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Adversarial Examples



"panda"

57.7% confidence

"gibbon"

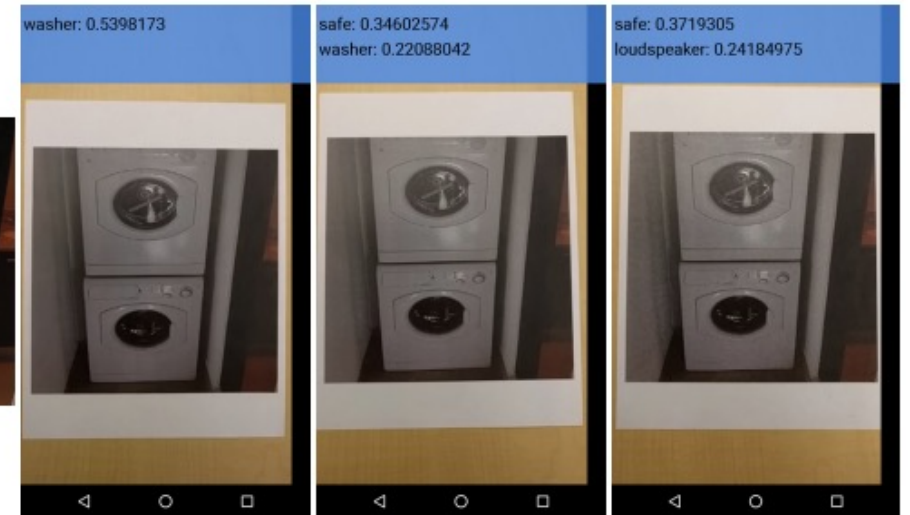
99.3% confidence

Find the minimum perturbation that will result in a misclassification.
Resulting noise is often imperceptible.

Even transferring to different cameras or into the physical world can be quite difficult.



(a) Image from dataset



(b) Clean image

(c) Adv. image, $\epsilon = 4$

(d) Adv. image, $\epsilon = 8$

Adversarial examples from Ian Goodfellow.

Risks for Autonomy

- What is it about neural networks that are particularly difficult?
 - Training stability is a problem
 - Large amounts of data are required
 - Huge amounts of computation are required
- Large ML models become a black-box

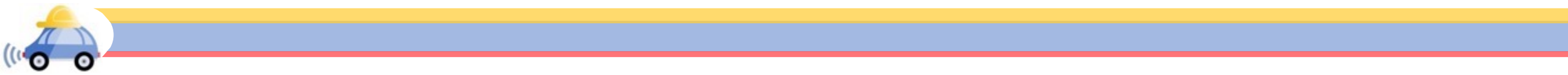


Summary

- Crash course in computer vision
 - Recognition, reconfiguration, and reconstruction
 - Traditional features vs. learned features
- Introduced the basics of neural networks
 - Did not discuss: backpropagation or training methods
 - Did not discuss: state-of-the-art object detection architectures
- Next time: we'll look at modeling and control of vehicles!



Extra Slides



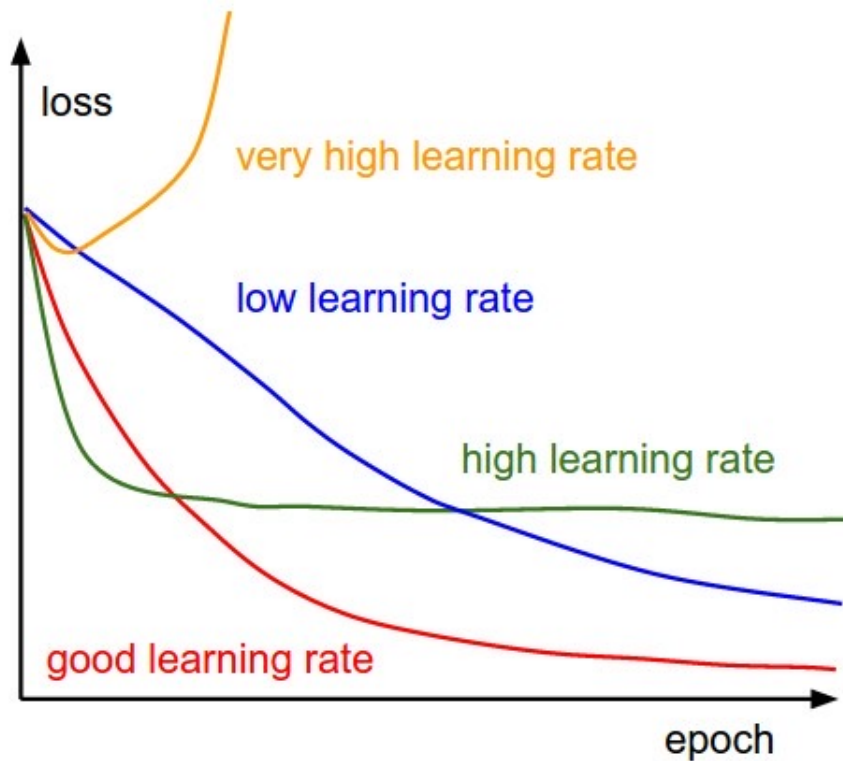
So you want to train a neural net.

1. Pre-process data
 - Zero-center and scale by standard deviation
2. Initialize network
 - Initializing weights can be difficult due to instabilities
 - Small random numbers from normal distribution
3. Set up your regularization (penalty term, dropout)
4. Pick a loss function
 - Depends on problem, but try to shoot for softmax whenever possible
5. You are ready to train your network!
 - Initially try to overfit on a tiny subset of your data ~20 samples. Make sure you get zero loss.
6. Sweep over hyperparameters
 - Initial learning rate and decay schedule, regularization strength
 - Use cross-validation techniques and be prepared to wait. This can take weeks for large networks.

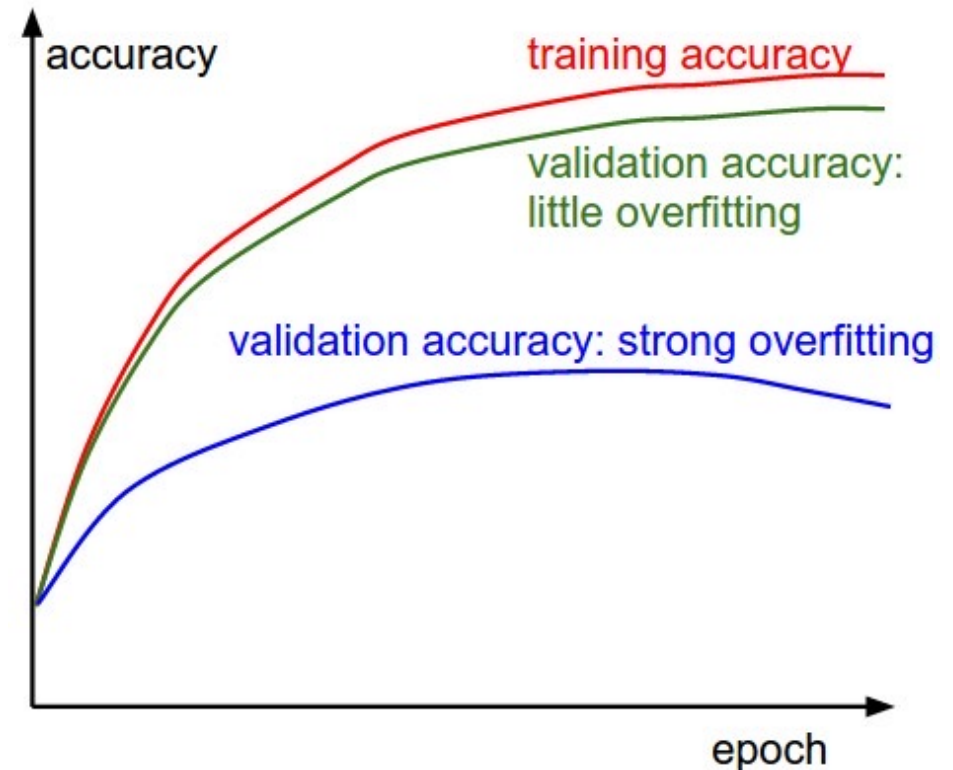


What to watch during training

Loss Rates



Training vs. Validation



A few things to keep in mind

1. Machine Learning is not always the answer – try simple methods first.
 - However, use ML over a complex heuristic. A simple heuristic can only get you so far, while a complex heuristic is unmaintainable.
2. When picking features, make sure they are generalizable!
3. Watching out for data imbalances or other quirks with your data.
4. You may skew your data by causing a discrepancy between how you handle data in the training and testing.
5. Cross validation is key – never peek at your testing data. You may create a feedback loop between your model and your algorithm.

